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In re Application of  
Leonard Hayden et al.  
Application No. 09/997,501  
Filed: November 19, 2001  
Attorney Docket No. KLR 1016.073

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 20, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is Granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner in reply to the non-final Office action mailed February 19, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 have been obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on May 20, 2003.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, since the \$475 extension of time submitted with the petition on February 20, 2004 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 308-6911.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 2829 for further processing.

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